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## Toot your own horn



Freshman music major Brandon Colmark practices playing the trumpet in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Colmark, from Sterling, has a concentration in trumpet performance and said, "I practice a minimum of 2.5 hours a day, so I can become the best musician I can possibly be."

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## BOT to vote on housing and dining rates

Staff Report | @DEN\_News

The Board of Trustees will vote on whether or not to increase housing and dining rates at their meeting 1 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

According to the Board Report, a seven-meal dining plan would increase by \$84, making it \$4,317; a ten-meal dining plan would increase by \$88, making it \$4,150; a 12-meal plan would go up by \$92 to \$4,680; and a 15-meal plan would be \$95 more, bringing it to \$4,868.

Summer room and board rates would increase by 2% if approved as well.

There is one new program request for a bachelor's in criminology and criminal justice. The program is being proposed by the sociology and anthropology department, but the political science and philosophy department would contribute upper division coursework.

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## CAA discusses program review method

By Cassie Buchman  
News Editor | @cjbuchman

The Council on Academic Affairs discussed how it would start looking at programs being considered for elimination and reorganization at their meeting Thursday.

The four programs being considered are the bachelor's degrees in philosophy, adult and community education, Africana studies and career and technical development.

Of these, the philosophy program is the only one whose possible elimination could involve the laying off of Unit A, or tenured, faculty.

Philosophy professor Gary Aylesworth said the council should be looking at curricular issues that have not been addressed so far regarding the four programs.

"That discussion really hadn't even started yet. I think it's important that we now begin," he said.

Aylesworth said there are different ways to look at a program, such as what it is about, how it is structured and the role it plays as a program.

He said eliminating a program would most likely not just affect the program eliminated but could possibly affect other programs as well.

Rebecca Throneburg, a communication disorders and sciences professor, said the CAA would need to see

the kinds of questions it would want to ask the departments and the data that needs to be gathered.

"I would think if they're eliminating programs, are they eliminating courses as well?" she asked. "I would assume, so I would think we need to address all four programs, not just one."

In response to a question on how many universities are going without a philosophy program, Aylesworth said it is "under attack everywhere, not just (at Eastern)."

During its 2016-2017 academic year, Western Illinois University eliminated its philosophy major.

The Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee, Faculty Senate, Council on Teacher Education and graduate school are looking at and making recommendations on the programs being considered for deletion or consolidation.

Though only the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee is under contractual obligation to have their recommendations in by March 15, President David Glassman wants all groups to have their suggestions submitted by this date.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Blair Lord said he would try to be a resource if the coun-

cil needed something, but ultimately, this needs to be the CAA's conversation.

Jake Emmett, a kinesiology and sports studies professor and member of the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee, said the committee was instructed that its sole responsibility is to review programs up for elimination if its deletion could potentially lead to a reduction in Unit A faculty members.

However, Emmett said Lord suggested the committee look at the other programs as well.

"If we wanted to do that, would we be stepping on your toes...or would it be helpful?" he asked. "We're not sure if we're gonna look at other programs or not, but before making a decision, we wanted to check with this committee to see how it would be viewed if we were to do that."

The CAA did not object to the Academic Program Elimination/Reorganization Review Committee possibly looking at these programs.

CAA Chair Stacey Ruholl said the CAA has not heard from any of the other groups.

The CAA set aside a time during their meeting to brainstorm ideas on other information it wants, what questions it should ask and if they want to set up a subcommittee.

It will discuss the programs consid-

ered for elimination or reorganization at 2 p.m. and then will discuss the other items on its agenda at 3 p.m.

The CAA also voted to approve a revision to a technology-delivered policy to allow executive action requests for designating online courses.

Psychology professor Jeff Stowell said there has been growth in online programs.

"As a whole, we are hoping to reduce some of the hurdles that programs who desire to transition to an online delivery format have to overcome," he said.

He said this is something where the CAA could consider making a change in its policy.

"With over 450 online courses approved for delivery at Eastern, I think we've come to the point where we can hopefully can trust departments, of which almost every department on campus now is teaching online courses, that we can trust the other existing processes to help us maintain the quality and rigor of the courses," he said.

A request to make the University Honors admissions criteria more holistic, with a dean's choice admission, was approved as well.

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## Search for provost and VP begin

Staff Report | @DEN\_News

The search committee for a new provost and vice president for academic affairs has started soliciting candidates, according to an email sent by Eastern President David Glassman.

Executive search firm Witt/Kiefer will work with the committee to find a pool of qualified candidates, the email said.

A website has been set up for the university community to keep updated on details of the search. It can be found by clicking on "Provost Search" under the A-Z index on Eastern's website.

According to the website, the committee is currently inviting nominations and applications. It will begin reviewing applications late February and has tentatively scheduled off-campus interviews for March 9 and 10, the email said.


The current provost and vice president for academic affairs, Blair Lord, plans to retire in the summer.

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Mexican President cancels meeting

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto canceled a planned Tuesday meeting with President Donald J. Trump on Thursday, signaling a remarkable souring of relations between Washington and one of its most important international partners just days into the new administration.

The rift capped days of increasingly confrontational remarks — on Twitter and in dueling public appearances — between the two men, whose countries conduct some \$1.6 billion a day in cross-border trade, and cooperate on everything from migration to anti-

drug enforcement to environmental issues.

Hours after Trump tweeted that the meeting should be scrapped if Mexico doesn't agree to pay for a wall along the nearly 2,000-mile border, Pena Nieto responded via the same platform.

In a speech later Thursday, Trump doubled down on the dispute, saying that “unless Mexico is going to treat the United States fairly, with respect, such a meeting would be fruitless, and I want to go a different route. We have no choice.”

Trump also claimed that calling off the meeting was a mutual

decision and floated a new possible threat to Mexico, which sends about 80 percent of its exports to the U.S. and which has vowed not to pay for a wall.

His spokesman later said Trump was calling for a 20 percent tax on imports to pay for the southern wall.

He has also pledged to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada.

Mexican officials have expressed willingness to update the pact, but said they would consider walking away from NAFTA if negotiations mean making too many conces-

sions.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer later responded to the Mexican president's tweet, saying: "We'll look for a date to schedule something in the future. We will keep the lines of communication open."

Pena Nieto's decision ended days of uncertainty about how he would respond to Trump's aggressive stance toward the country, and illustrated the challenges world leaders are likely to face in dealing with the U.S. president's voluble, Twitter-based diplomacy.

Trump to open investigation on voter fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spokesman said President Donald Trump will sign an executive action to commission an investigation into widespread voter fraud, raising the prospect of a federal government probe into a widely debunked claim and sparking alarm among experts and Democrats.

White House press secretary Sean Spicer said Thursday that Trump would sign the order in the Oval Office but did not provide more details as to what it might entail.

Trump had announced in a pair of tweets early Wednesday that a "major investigation" will look at those registered to vote in more than one state, "those who are illegal and ... even, those registered to vote who are dead (and many for a long time)." Depending on results, the Republican tweeted on his sixth day in office, "we will strengthen up voting procedures!"

He went further later, claiming: "You have people registered in two states. They're registered in a New York and a New Jersey. They vote twice."

But House Oversight Committee Chairman Jason Chaffetz on Thursday broke with Trump, saying he sees no evidence of voter fraud in the 2016 election and says his committee won't investigate it.

The Utah Republican says Trump is free to order the Justice Department to investigate the issue, but he's not interested in launching a congressional inquiry. Chaffetz told reporters at the congressional Republican retreat in Philadelphia that voting happens at the local level, adding "I

don't see any evidence" of widespread fraud.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have finalized their election results with no reports of the kind of widespread fraud that Trump alleges.

Spicer would not say whether the investigation would be led by the FBI or some other agency. He said Wednesday that its only goal would be "to understand where the problem exists and how deep it goes" and that it would not be limited to the 2016 election.

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# Chinese students to celebrate new year Saturday

By Kennedy Nolen  
Multicultural Reporter | @KennedyNolenEIU

The Chinese Student and Scholar Association will celebrate traditions of Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival, at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Christian Campus House.

Haizhou Li, a sustainable energy and technology management graduate student from Wenzhou, China, said the holiday is very traditional. He said the New Year brings families together to eat dinner and watch the New Year's Gala.

Li said the Gala can be compared to the celebration of New Year's Eve in New York City or to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. He said almost everyone in China watches the Gala and has watched it since they were born.

There are fireworks and people make a variety of food, Sihao Chen, a computer technology graduate student from Ganzhou, China, said.

The upcoming year is the Year of the Rooster, the tenth of 12 animals in the cycle of the Chinese zodiac. Each year has its own set of lucky numbers, colors, days, flowers and so on. Every year an animal has its own characteristics similar to an astrological sign.

Li said many Asian countries other than China celebrate Chinese New



Students pose for a picture during last year's EIU Chinese New Year celebration. This year they will celebrate on Saturday Jan. 28.

Year, such as Malaysia, Vietnam, South Korea and the city-state of Singapore.

The students and some teachers will prepare different traditional pork, beef and fish dishes, and QQ Buffet will offer the fried rice for the CSSA's celebration Saturday.

Chinese stew, spicy crawfish, seafood porridge and various steamed foods are going to be dishes the students make and eat, junior journalism major Qian Cheng said.

The Christian Campus House will be decorated in the lucky colors gold

and red, Chen said. Karaoke and games will take place, along with people performing traditional Chinese music, she said.

Cheng said a traditional type of art is painting with sugar and spoons, so the CSSA will incorporate that in their celebration.

On the night before Chinese New Year, parents traditionally give their children red envelopes of "lucky money," Chen said. The envelope is red because it is a lucky color, she said, and the gift is a sign of good fortune.

Last year, the CSSA had the same type of celebration for Chinese New Year in the Christian Campus House, Cheng said. Before then, the Cultural Center would host a gathering and around 20 to 30 students would go to celebrate, he said.

People celebrating Chinese New Year either make or buy paper lanterns to decorate with, and there is even a Festival of Lanterns that falls on Feb. 11 this year, Li said. He said families will go to a park together and there are lanterns of different colors everywhere.

Although the students are in the United States, they plan to make the most out of their Chinese New Year at Eastern.

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# Chamber of Commerce to award President Glassman

By Liz Stephens  
City Reporter | @DEN\_News

Eastern President David Glassman will be honored and presented an award at the 2017 Annual Dinner & Awards Ceremony on Saturday.

The Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce will be awarding Glassman with the Outstanding Citizen Award at the dinner.

Cindy White, president and CEO of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, said Glass-

man was chosen for the award because he went beyond the line of duty, has good character, and has contributed to the community.

The event starts at 5 p.m. and will be followed by a social hour and dinner before the awards ceremony, where Glassman will be honored.

"We can all agree that last year was a pretty challenging year," White said.

White said that Glassman stood out because he has been a tireless advocate of Eastern and has been committed to Eastern and the community.

What's Cookin' will be honored as the Small Business of the Year, and Dr. Tim Camden will be receiving Volunteer of the Year Award. The Diplomat of the Year Award will be announced during the awards ceremony.

White said there will be other members of Eastern faculty and staff at the dinner, but only Glassman will receive the award.

The buffet dinner will be served at about 6:20 p.m. following the

social hour and cash bar.

After the dinner, the press release said there will be a short program that will take place at 6 p.m. including the passing of the gavel from outgoing Board Chairman Steve Runyon from Home Again Consignment Shop to incoming Board Chairman Tina Held of Carle Clinic.

According to the press release, the Midwest Dueling Pianos is back by popular demand again this year due to their interactive musical entertainment.

It also said there will be an opportunity to sing and dance along to the music.

The press release said that the dueling pianists take requests only by cash tip, so the more a person tips, the sooner their song request will be played.

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Staff Editorial

‘Sex is like pizza’ an apt, well-timed conversation

Certain topics can be hard and awkward to talk about. Although many who read this paper are college-aged and older, sex is one of those things no one likes to discuss. It can bring up unwanted emotions. This is unfortunate, as it is important to keep lines of communication open when it comes to sex to make it as safe as possible. Learning more about difficult topics instead of shying away from them is always the best way to expand one’s horizons, but in this case it could even save people from a multitude of dangers.

This is why we commend the Health Education Resource Center for hosting an event, “Sex is like Pizza,” to explain the concept of consent. The name of the event might make some giggle, but the analogy is apt to describe the importance of consent and why it is needed.

In an article on the event, Courtney Carver, the mental health coordinator of the HERC, said when ordering a pizza, everyone involved must consider their own personal tastes and not cave to pressure or pressure others.

“You can be intimate in different ways with different people,” Carver said. “There’s no one way to be sexual. Context is a really important factor.” During the event, participants learned about how consent is active and can change and how saying yes does not make withdrawing consent any less valid. According to the article, “everybody has the right to refuse without being held accountable for contradictory words or actions.”

These are important lessons for anyone who is sexually active to learn. By being open to having these conversations, those who participated in this lecture and the accompanying activity have helped themselves learn more about engaging in safe sexual practices, which helps keep others safe too.

As acknowledged by organizers of “Sex is like Pizza” talking about pizza toppings is easier than talking about sex. But if we want to be able to live with others in a happy, healthy environment, these conversations are needed. As nice as it would be to just talk about benign topics like pizza all day every day, this is not conducive to living with other people.

This does not only pertain to sex, but the many other topics that come up that people want to sweep under the rug, such as drug use,

An awkward conversation will only last for a while. But having a short, uncomfortable is worth it in the long run if it discourages dangerous or reckless behavior that could hurt others.

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Between the Lions in Winter



DAN PRERADOVIĆ | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Perfect practice makes perfect performance

We have all heard the saying, “practice makes perfect.” But it takes more than just practice to be great at something. It takes perfect practice.

Whenever I feel like I am going through the motions, I think of my old high school baseball coach’s saying: “Perfect practice makes perfect.” Coach Nunez used to drill into us that it was not practice alone that makes us better than the rest. How you perform when it matters is going to reflect how hard you worked in practice.

College can be perfect practice for life. If everything you do while in college determines how well you will succeed after graduation, then some of you need to get off the bench and take practice seriously.

Practice allows us to build the confidence necessary to shake the nerves and ensure our optimal performance is achieved. And this applies to all of us, not just the athletes on campus.

When talking to opinion editor Shelby Niehaus about the topic, she shared a fun story about also understanding the importance of practice.

“I was a rookie mellophone player in Pioneer drum and bugle corps. I was a weak player and, knowing I was behind in the music, took my instrument back to our housing site overnight so I could spend time working through music (woodshedding, if you want a term for it).

While playing through music, a bass drummer came up to me and asked me if how I was practicing was how I played my music in the show. I was standing slouched with my instru-



Justin Brown

ment aimed at the ground and my elbows in, although proper posture is standing straight, elbows out, instrument up. I told him no, I was not practicing how I played the show.

He asked why I would ever practice my show music without using show posture. I never slouch when I play anymore.”

The ability to shine when the lights are on us is not only for musicians and athletes. If you head over to Career Services, they are most likely going to be providing tips to help you reach your full potential through practice. They offer help with interviews and resume writing, amongst other things. You apply the principle of perfect practice to practicing an interview and you can almost guarantee you will stand out amongst the others being interviewed.

I am not here to lecture you on being 100 percent serious all the time; there is a time and place for fun. What I am trying to stress is simply to

understand what is important to your goals and apply yourself.

I am sure I do not need to tell most of you this. The topic itself just sticks in my head when I see my classmates show up to class with absolutely no idea what is going on. Or, as I mentioned earlier in the story, “going through the motions.”

As a non-traditional student, I am often reminded of the things I gave less than 100 percent at growing up. I also seldom hear from peers about how fun it must be to be back in college. Those same individuals also quickly reflect on the things they wish they would have done differently and to many of them, it is wishing they would have gotten more out of a specific class or subject.

While here at Eastern you all can get real practice at life, which played a big part in my decision to attend Eastern. Working for one of two daily publications in the state run by students helps to ensure I have the experience necessary when I begin my job search.

It is not only job training that you can get practice at while here. Through student organizations, like Student Senate, many are gaining the leadership skills necessary to be future leaders of the businesses we rely on for good and services and perhaps become leaders of our country.

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Sean Says: Be careful using sports equipment the wrong way

So lemmie tell you this. Basketball can be fun until you stop using the basketball for what it is meant for. Soccer is not basketball, but my friend Gary my freshman year could not resist the urge to keep booting a basketball in the rec.

Everything was going great that day. It was me, Gary, and my friend Jermaine (aka Lump), versus Dwight, Dan and Kejuan. It was a great day; me, Gary and Lump had just beaten the other three in a game up to 21.

Everything went wrong in between games. That was the time to catch our breath and get ready for the second game because it was going to be a hard fought best two out of three series. The keyword there is “was.”

Just based off bad luck, Lump always found himself on the receiving end of any collision, errant shot banking off the backboard or a ricochet off the rim. Lump had some skill, but man did he have some bad luck. Even when we were not playing in a game.



Sean Hastings

Gary was at fault this time around. Gary was a soccer player in high school. Soccer may have left Gary behind, but Gary never left soccer. He just loved to kick things.

Anyone who has kicked a basketball knows the force that a ball can come off your foot with. I mean, that thing flies. And obviously it is not meant to be kicked. The ball is much heavier than a basketball and can do some damage.

Lump also had a problem with getting his glasses knocked off his face. And being one of my best friends, I felt bad for him. But I could not help but laugh along with him when it happened. He was one tough dude.

Once the game ended, Gary attempted a three-quarter-length of the court shot. That was not the problem. The problem was how he retrieved the ball and got it back down to our end of the court.

Gary is one of the most down-to-earth people I have met in college, but the decision he made that day changed the course of the day and essentially ended our basketball game.

Gary had one heck of a leg when it came to kicking a ball. He could really crush it.

So he goes and gets the ball and without warning, sends a rocket the length of the court connecting with none other than Lumps face.

And when I say rocket, I mean rocket. This ball was blasted the length of the court and

drilled the side of his face...Lump was A-OK if you were wondering. Like I said, tough kid.

But the ball blew his glasses off his face, broken, onto the ground.

This ball drilled him. The sound that came off his face made it seem like the ball hit the wall.

What amazed me the most was that Lump did not even go down, he took that shot to the face like a champ.

Since I am kind of a jerk, I laughed like there was no tomorrow. But made sure he was OK in the process. Gary felt terrible, but it was just too hard to not laugh. Lump realized that too.

So me lesson for you is if you are playing basketball, keep it to basketball. Kicking it is fun, but do not send it into a crowd of people like Gary did. Someone will get hit.

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# The show must go on for English literary festival

By Mallory Kutnick  
Campus Reporter | @DEN\_News

Despite multiple roadblocks, the fifth annual Lions in Winter literary festival will run on schedule Friday and Saturday at the Doudna Fine Arts Center and Booth Library.

The lack of state funds left Eastern's ability to sponsor the festival up in the air, but with the help of other donors, Doudna came through in the end, LIW co-director Charlotte Pence said.

In addition, Pence's return from teaching in Harlaxton, England left little time to plan, co-director Daiva Markelis said.

Less than a week remained before the festival's opening when a family emergency forced guest speaker and nonfiction writer Jerald Walker to back out, Markelis and Pence said. They successfully booked Dionne Irving, another nonfiction writer, to fill in the time slot Walker had vacated.

"I love (Walker's) essays," Pence said, "so personally I would have liked to have heard him, but hopefully he can come another time. He said he definitely would like to."

As the date edged closer and closer, Markelis said she grew nervous at the lackluster ticket sales and registrations. Last year's festival attracted a crowd of over 130, while approximately 70 students had registered for this year as of Wednesday afternoon, and she was unsure the numbers would grow.

Registration will remain open Friday for anyone wishing to purchase tickets at the door. One ticket provides access to all panels, readings and craft talk workshops, some of which are



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Last year, authors had their own booths to sell their books at the English department's The Lions of Winter literary festival.

open to the public. But an additional ticket must be purchased for those who wish to attend blue grass and rap group Gangstagrass' concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday or breakfast Saturday.

The concert will follow a 5 p.m. reading in the Doudna Lecture Hall by keynote speaker Laura van den Berg, author of post-apocalyptic novel "Find Me."

"People love her books," Pence said. "The idea with the keynote is you want to have someone hopefully that other people have heard of and would be ex-

cited to see."

Saturday's schedule will begin with breakfast and a book fair at 9:30 a.m., followed by a children's story hour and craft talks, including mystery writer Erica Wright's talk "Where to Hide the Body: Starting a Mystery."

Van den Berg will host a craft talk at 11 a.m., and lunch will be served at noon. Three more craft talks will follow, and the festival will end with an editors' panel, readings by undergraduates and visiting writers, a book signing and a reception.

"This is definitely a festival where we hope that community members and students and other faculty, too, really talk to the writers, ask them questions during the craft talks and get inspired with their own writing," Pence said.

Registration and schedule details can be found at lionsinwinter.org.

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Laura van den Berg

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# Swimming ready for last meet of season

By **Tyler McCluskey**  
Assistant Sports Editor | @DEN\_Sports

The Eastern men’s and women’s swim teams will have their final meet of the season before the all-awaited Summit League Championship.

The Panthers will swim against Valparaiso, a team they saw earlier this season at the Pado-van Pool. Both the men and the women took home victories with the men winning 163-99 and the women winning 168.5-86.5.

In the last meet for the Pan-thers, the men won the relay events.

The team of senior Brogan O’Doherty, junior Patrick Wood, junior Jennings Soccorso-Mc-Coy, and junior Brandon Rob-bins finished the 200-yard med-ley in 1:36.27.

In the 200-yard freestyle, O’Doherty, Soccorso-McCoy, junior Matt Jacobs, and junior Steve Fishman finished in the time of 1:27.05.

Coach Jacqueline Michalski said that she liked the energy level that the team brought to the meet and was impressed with the times.

“We not only had great en-ergy, but we also had some real-ly impressive times,” Michalski said. “Fallyn (Schwake) swam her fastest times yet of the season. We also had a handful of other swim-mers, right at their fastest of the season.”



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Senior Fallyn Schwake swims the freestyle against Valparaiso. The Panthers will swim at Valparaiso this weekend.

With this being the last meet before the championship, Mi-chalski said that the team comes together by supporting them-selves and to make the most of it. Michalski also said that the team is getting better from the start of the season.

“Every day we are getting bet-ter, every day we are pushing to be better than yesterday,” Michal-ski said. “I think we have set our-selves up perfectly to repeat what

we did first semester.”

Junior Shamus Shields said that he feels confident going into this meet and that the long break gave them a chance to see how everyone was doing.

“It was nice to see as a team, where we are at,” Shields said.

Shields also said that practices have been more fast-paced.

“We’ve been kind of breaking ourselves down, tearing muscles up, getting ready,” Shields said.

“The next few weeks we will start to taper and get ready for confer-ence and focus more on getting ourselves ready for conference.”

For the Crusaders, both the men and women’s teams took last place at the Butler Invitational.

Peyton Stambeck took eighth in the 50-yard freestyle in the time of 22.21. Bob Bretl had a time of 4:56.67 in the 500-yard freestyle, which was good enough for a 10th place finish.

In the 1650-freestyle, Dylan Kirar took 10th with a time of 17:22.65.

On the women’s side for the Crusaders, Rachel Law took eighth in the 1650-yard freestyle with the time of 19:02.85. Paige Wright received two top-ten fin-ishes in the event.

Wright had a time of 55.61 in the 100-yard freestyle and a time of 1:02.22 in the 100-yard back-stroke, earning eighth and 10th

respectively.

Emily Trimpe took seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.06 and earned fourth in the 400-yard back-stroke in 2:32.12.

The meet is on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Arc swimming pool in Valparaiso, Ind.

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16 It resembles an “n” when lowercase  
17 Northeast nickname, with “the”  
18 Man buns, e.g.  
19 Remain stationary while facing the wind, in nautical lingo  
20 Toy car driver?  
22 Actress Headey of “Game of Thrones”  
23 \_\_\_ Sea, now four lakes  
25 A.C.T. subj.  
26 Jones for
- 27 \_\_\_ metabolism  
29 Warm spot in the snow  
33 Crop, e.g.  
34 Life partners?  
35 Square things  
36 Many a listicle  
37 Stereotypical man bun sporters  
38 Plot elements?  
39 Keep score, say  
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41 Eponymous Paris suburb  
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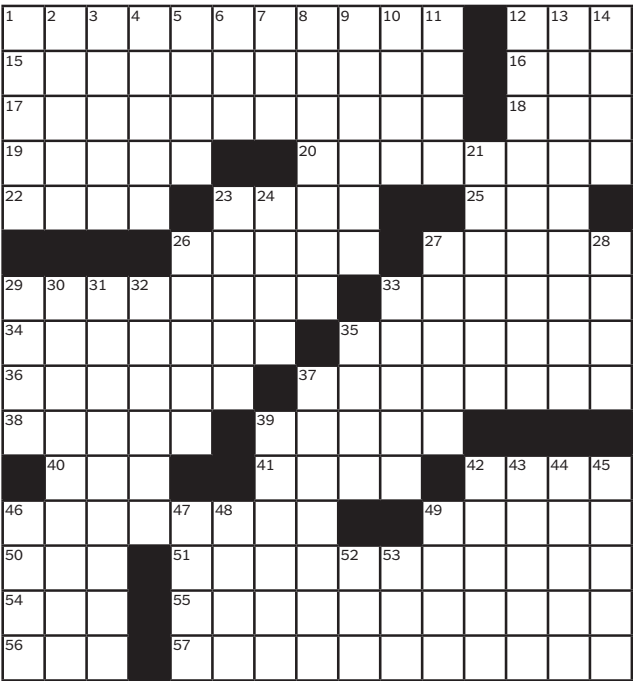
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9 Permit  
10 Official records  
11 Swim \_\_\_  
12 Like a watchful driver  
13 Copernicus, for one  
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30 Upset  
31 “Let’s see what you’ve got”
- 32 Hidden  
33 Thread part  
35 Bass organ  
37 More caustic  
39 Pre-Columbian civilization  
42 Hercules slew it  
43 Bygone  
44 Filled again, as a flat  
45 Circus Maximus, e.g.
- 46 Virtually  
47 Fixes badly?  
48 Subject preceder  
49 Little jerks  
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# Eastern travelling to Indiana for relays

By Alex Hartman  
Track and Field Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

Eastern dominated at home last week at their annual John Craft invitational and now are going back on the road to Bloomington, Ind. for the Indiana Relays.

The event is a unique experience for the athletes since it takes place over two days; beginning on Friday Jan. 27 at 4 p.m. and then continues at 8:20 a.m. the next day. Both days will start off with track events and have field events later in the meet.

With only a few more meets left in the indoor season this one will be a good test for the track and field team due to the size of this large meet of 12 teams; besides the University of Indiana teams include Western Illinois, Louisville, SIUE, Southern Illinois, DePaul, SEMO, Tennessee Tech, Miami (Ohio), Tulane, and North Central.

Eastern has been on a hot streak as of late, winning its home meet and having performed well at the Illini Classic. Going into the In-



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Senior Tori Master trails a Indiana State runner during the EIU Early Bird Invite Friday, Dec. 9 at Lantz Fieldhouse. Master earned a first place finish in the 400-meter hurdles last weekends' EIU John Craft Invite with a time of 1:07.51.

diana Relays will look to continue their winning ways.

In the previous meet there were

many successes with eleven individual first place finishes with some being senior thrower Bryn

Buckwalter and sophomore thrower Adam Kessler, both swept the shot put and weight throw events

with distances of 49'05" and 54'02.5" respectively in the shot put, then 55'10.25" and 53'07.5" respectively in the weight throw.

Other success was found in the jumps with junior Davion McManis taking first in the long jump with a mark of 23'03.5" and fellow jumper junior Chrisford Stevens also won first in the triple jump as he leaped a distance of 48'08.25".

The greatest achievement made though goes to senior distance runner Riley McNerney, as he earned his second straight OVC male athlete of the week for his outstanding week at the John Craft Invite.

He won the mile with a OVC season best time of 4:09.20. It is his third time overall winning the award.

The next time the men and women of Eastern track and field will compete will be at the Meyo Invite at Notre Dame Feb. 3 and 4.

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# Tough games ahead for Eastern men's tennis

By Dillan Schorfheide  
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After two season opening losses to Saint Louis University and Ball State, Eastern's men's tennis team has two matches Saturday against Indiana University and University of Illinois at Chicago.

Eastern's two losses this year were both by big margins, 6-1 to SLU and 7-0 to Ball State.

Eastern head coach Sam Kercheval said he was pleased with

how his team performed in their first two matches, despite the losses.

He said the team had not faced an opponent since October, so there were some nerves in the matches.

Kercheval talked about the things his team has been working on in practice this week as preparation for their weekend matches against Indiana University and University of Illinois at Chicago.

He said the focus this week has

been handling pace, especially with doubles matches.

"Ball State had some power we hadn't really seen much of and we know that Indiana in particular will have some big hitters as well, so we are trying to work on that," Kercheval said.

Kercheval said the doubles point in college tennis is very important, so his team needs to be able to play all styles, not just when they are comfortable.

The team has also focused a

lot on bringing energy as a team throughout the match. This is the biggest thing the team has realized, Kercheval said.

"Dual matches are different than the individual tournaments we play in the fall," Kercheval said. "We realized success will be hard to come by if we don't work together more, our focus and effort giving energy has to be there regardless of what the score is."

IU is 2-0 so far in the spring season, and UIC is 0-2. UIC has

five of its players from last year still on their roster, while IU has nine of its players returning from last year; Eastern has four players from last year's roster playing this year.

Eastern plays in Bloomington, Ind. against IU at 10 a.m. Saturday, then stay there to play UIC at 6 p.m.

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Sophomore Patrick Muldoon looks for an open teammate to pass to in second half Thursday at Lantz Arena. Belmont defeated Eastern 77-64 in the OVC conference matchup.

# Panthers with opportunity to get back on track at home

By Maher Kawash

Basketball Reporter | @DEN\_Sports

It has been a tough five game stretch for the Eastern basketball team considering the expectations for the team heading into the season.

But the Panthers are facing their chance to turn it all around with a team that may be struggling even more.

Southern Illinois Edwardsville comes into town Saturday afternoon for an Ohio Valley Conference matchup with just eight games left on Eastern's schedule.

The Panthers have some work to do to gain some ground in the conference standings, but that focus has turned into one game at a time for the team.

At 1-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 9-12 overall, Eastern sits one game ahead of their upcoming opponent in the bottom of the standings.

The Cougars come into the matchup still winless in the OVC and 5-17 overall, but that could be credited to

their offensive woes.

Eastern has had its fair share of struggles with its offense down the stretch in games, but Southern Illinois Edwardsville has had it much worse ranking last in the OVC in scoring offense.

While their average of nearly 69 points scored per game is the worst, the Panthers sit in the middle of the pack with about 75 per game.

The Cougars have been off course all season long getting outscored on average against their opponents by almost eight points per game.

This could serve as the perfect game for a Panther team that just needs a win especially after seeing several leads blown in this current skid.

Eastern's defense led by Muusa Dama's presence down low and Ray Crossland's all-around physicality could lead to a special day against a Cougar team that ranks dead last in field goal percentage in the conference.

The Panthers scoring attack of Dama, Montell Goodwin, and Deme-

trius McReynolds could all see much-needed high scoring performances.

If Eastern is going to take advantage of the Cougars seventh ranked scoring defense, then it could take a first step in making a comeback in the conference.

## What's Going On Ahead of the Panthers

At this point of the season for Eastern winning the final eight games must be the mentality if there is any chance of earning a berth in the post-season tournament.

But with the recent skid, that may have to come with some luck of the teams ahead of them having a tough stretch of their own.

The top eight teams earn a berth in the OVC tournament and right now the Panthers are chasing Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri State in the West division to get in.

Austin Peay may be the first hurdle to cross although they are just one game back of the Redhawks, but that will be settled soon.

Those two teams ahead of Eastern will face off Saturday while the Panthers try to get their 2nd win in the conference this season.

Austin Peay does have some notable games coming up against Murray State, Tennessee State, and an extremely important one against Eastern on February 16th.

Southeast Missouri on the other hand is just 1-9 in road games this season, and has some tough ones against Murray State, Morehead State, and Eastern down the stretch.

It is definitely too early to be playing what if with any games as it should be taken one at a time, but there is little doubt that the Panthers should be hoping for some extra losses in those two opponents.

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## Frustrated Panthers need win against SIUE



Sean Hastings

At 1-7 in OVC play, a few things are going on right now for the Eastern men's basketball team. The first is frustration; knowing that they are a better team than what the stat sheet shows. The other is Eastern needs to get a win against 0-8 Southern Illinois Edwardsville Saturday.

With the margin for error being so small, a win against an 0-8 team is pretty much needed for the Panthers. A loss and they will drop to the bottom of the conference with the hopes of a trip to Nashville in OVC for the tournament slipping away.

As talented as the Panthers are, a 1-7 start has been tough to swallow and the losses have had a lot of the same mistakes and it resulted in coach Jay Spoonhour running out of things to say.

Eastern had talented shooters as it is and bringing in the likes of junior Montell Goodwin has added to the mix. But Goodwin has found himself in games where he cannot seem to miss, but then others, the shots just do not fall.

And that goes for everyone. "It is not easy for these guys right now," Spoonhour said. "They know they can be a good team and they know they have been a good team and it's a tough thing."

With junior Muusa Dama down low seemingly able to bring down any ball coming off an errant shot, or junior Terrell Lewis putting moves on guys that make them look silly, senior Demetrius McReynolds showing comfort from anywhere on the court whether it is a pull up shot or a drive to the hoop, Goodwin and sophomore Casey Teson with a pure stroke from beyond the arc, it is obvious how it can be frustrating for Eastern.

With that much talent, it is kind of shocking how they have ended up where they are at in the OVC. Some of it has been "lack of poise," some of it has just been struggles, but a lot of it has been bad luck.

Shots just have not been falling, and that happens to any team.

"Stuff that you have been doing well, you all of a sudden can't find it," Spoonhour said. "It happens to pros, it happens to baseball players, it happens to golfers and it's happening to the Panthers right now and it isn't much fun."

And in Eastern's only win in OVC play this season, it shot 9-21 (42.9 percent) from beyond the arc, outrebounded Eastern Kentucky 42-36, and shot 31 free throws.

It's there for the Panthers; it is just a shame that it has taken so long to come back, you could say and it has them in must win mode and it starts Saturday against an also struggling SIUE team.

An OVC Tournament berth is still there for the Panthers' taking, but it is going to take good play from here on out to get there, where this team belongs.

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# Women's win streak on line against SIUE

By Mark Shanahan

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The Eastern women's basketball team has momentum from a two game winning streak and is in the middle of the race for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament when it hosts Southern Illinois Edwardsville on Saturday.

Eastern is still on the outside looking in for the conference tournament berth, but the wins against Tennessee-Martin and Southeast Missouri have them trending in the right direction. The Panthers have a record of 7-13 overall and 3-5 record in the OVC. Southern Illinois Edwardsville is 8-13 with a 4-4 record in the OVC.

Last time out for Eastern, they defeated Southeast Missouri 71-62 behind senior Erica Brown's double-

double. Brown had 13 rebounds and 13 points along with 3 assists in the victory. Junior guard Grace Lennox had a team-high 18 points and 5 assists in the game. Freshman Allison Van Dyke played a good overall game with 9 rebounds and 7 points

Eastern coach Debbie Black is using this week long break without the midweek game for the Panthers as an opportunity to work on things more and give players like Lennox, Brown and Van Dyke a rest because of the minutes they have been playing.

"I kind of like our break right now and I like the fact that we are home on Saturday. The timing for us happens to be really, really good," Black said. "We get to work on a couple things that we needed to and also get a couple days of preparation."

The Cougars are on a three-game winning streak with wins over

Southeast Missouri, Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee State. The wins over Southeast Missouri and Tennessee-Martin came by three combined points. The win over Tennessee State was a blowout victory 73-52.

The Cougars are going to be one of the more physical teams in the OVC the Panther will see.

"SIUE is going to be a little more physical than we've seen in the league," Black said. "I think that will be an interesting task for us."

The leading scorers for the Cougars are Donshel Beck, Lauren White and Nakiah Bell. Beck is the leading scorer with 13.8 points per game and is also the leading rebounder on the team with 7.2 rebounds per game. White is averaging 12.5 points per game and averages a team high 1.8 steals per game. Bell averages 10.2 points a game and leads the team

with four assists per game.

Southern Illinois Edwardsville got the best of Eastern last season sweeping the season series by scores of 87-75 and 66-56. Beck was a problem for the Panthers in both games scoring double-digit points.

Aside from Belmont, which is still undefeated in conference, the middle seeds of the conference tournament are still very much up for grabs.

"We are all in the picture right now and it is really who shows up and who finishes," Black said. "I think the last few games proved a little bit to our team that we can finish. I was worried that we haven't been finishing."

The game is set to begin Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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